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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: WT Proceeding No. 11-65, AT&T and T-Mobile's proposed merger**

Dear Commissioners:

Barren County, named the Best Place to Live in Rural America in 2007, is an ideal place to live, work, and visit. Our community offers its residents and visitors a wide variety of entertainment, historical sites, lakes, rivers, and some of the most beautiful scenery in Kentucky.

Yet, we also recognize that some aspects of rural life are less than ideal. Lagging Internet service and lack of accessibility are main detractors from our otherwise delightful way of life.

Barren County and other small, rural communities like ours deserve the same high-speed, next-generation Internet technology that more developed areas enjoy. That's why we are excited about the proposed AT&T-T-Mobile merger. The merged provider would offer Barren County access to a wireless 4G LTE network with capabilities that rival those of our nation's metropolitan areas. It would provide Barren County's small businesses and citizens with advanced video streaming, real-time information sharing, and other next-generation online capabilities.

The applications of this technology would encourage innovation in education, business, health care, and a variety of other sectors. Additionally, the private investment promised by AT&T and T-Mobile to deploy its wireless network would boost local economies across the country.

I appreciate your consideration of what this merger could mean for Barren County, and other rural communities. Please allow its approval.

Very sincerely yours,

Davie D. Greer  
Barren County Judge/Executive

cc: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell